Slow implement of rural development projects in Himachal Pradesh

1588. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether slow implemenation ofrural development project in Himachal Pradesh is being experienced by the Central Government despite allocation of adequate funds;

(b) if so, what is the cause of slow progess of rural development projects in the State;

(c) what are the suggfestions made by the Union Government to the State Government to implement the rural development schemes vigorously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c)The Ministry of Rural Development have advised all the States , including Himachal Pradesh, to vigorously implement the rural development Scheme and claim full allocations from the Ministry. The Ministry have also advised them to implement the four-pronged strategy comprising (i) creation of awareness about the Programmes, (ii) transparency in the implementation of the programmes, (iii) Peoples partnership and (iv) social audit through the Gram Sabhas at village level for better implementation of these Programmes.

Upper ceiling of Income of BPL familes

1589. SHRI JIBON RAY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the present upper ceiling limit of annual imcome of a B.P.L. family was fixes;

(b) what was the consumer price index at that vis-a-vis at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the ceiling limit?